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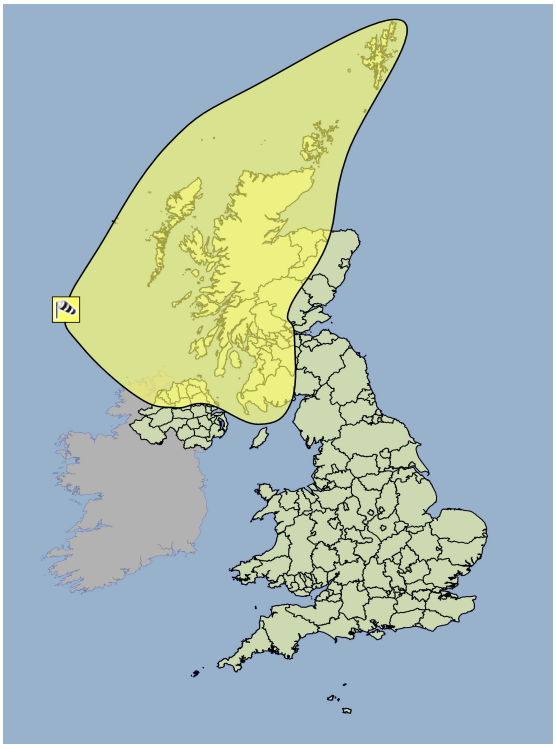

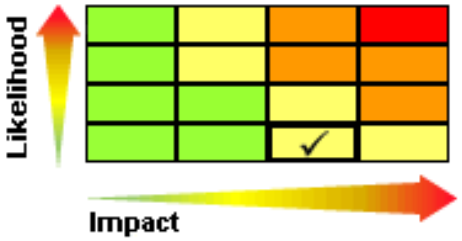

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A rapidly deepening area of low pressure will pass close to the NW of Scotland during Thursday morning. There is some uncertainty about the depth and track of this low, but the high gusts, in combination with heavy rain and some coastal flooding, have potential to bring disruption.

In the wake of the main storm (beyond the period of this warning), a regime of wintry showers will bring an increased risk of hill snowfall and icy roads.

Given the potential for a significant winter storm the public should continue to monitor the Met Office website for updates to this warning.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **00:05 on Thu, 19th Dec 2013** until **12:00 on Thu, 19th Dec 2013**

Severe gale force winds are likely to affect parts of Northern Ireland, central and northern Scotland early on Thursday; gusts may exceed 80 mph locally. The wind will lead to large waves with some coastal over-topping possible. In addition, persistent heavy rain will quickly clear from Scotland leaving squally wintry showers.

The public should be aware of the potential for disruption from this combination of weather events.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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